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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-10-2007

SPONSOR Foley LAST UPDATED _____ HB 567

SHORT TITLE NM Veterans Outreach SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$30.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 567 appropriates \$30 thousand from the general fund for expenditure in FY08 to Veterans' Services department for the purpose of outreach to educate New Mexico veterans regarding their State and Federal benefits.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$30 thousand contained in House Bill 567 is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Veterans' Services department's primary mission is to provide outreach to educate New Mexico veterans regarding their State and Federal benefits. DVS has 17 field offices located around the State that are tasked with the responsibility of outreach to veterans within their

respective area. These offices assist veterans in filing for all federal and state benefits available to them and their families. Each office also conducts outreach initiatives in the surrounding areas.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The department would need to administer financial oversight over these additional educational and outreach funds.

DUPLICATION

The appropriation duplicates/supplements the agency's General Fund budget recommendation for FY08 of \$2,816 million.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Veterans' Services department would perform these activities through their regularly appropriated agency budget, via the General Appropriations Act.

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